

Hitman's brother is held in Delany probe

SHOOTING: Innocent dad remains in a coma

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THE brother of a notorious gangland hitman believed to be responsible for the shooting of Robert Delany has been arrested this morning.

The 20-year-old suspect is being detained under Section 30 of the Offences Against the State Act at Tallaght Garda Station and can be held without charge for up to 24 hours.

He is being questioned over information he may have about the attempted murder of father-of-two Delany (29).

His brother has been connected to at least four killings in recent years and has known links to republicans.

The hitman is also a suspect in the murder of Eamonn Dunne's pal Colm 'Collie' Owens earlier this summer.

Owens (34) was shot eight times in the head and body at the Corn Store animal feed warehouse, where he worked, on the Grove industrial estate, Dubber Cross, Finglas on July 9.

Last month, one of the most senior republicans in Dublin and his son were arrested by gardai and questioned over the shooting of innocent victim Mr Delany.

This morning's arrest brings

to 10 the number of suspects who have been questioned so far in the investigation.

Mr Delany was shot in the head after he answered the door of his apartment at Russell Rise in Tallaght in the early hours of October 22, 2008. His wife and two daughters were in the room at the time.

He was left in a vegetative state and remains in a coma at Tallaght Hospital.

Mr Delany is understood to have been shot as a direct result of an altercation with the son of a prominent Dublin-based republican.

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The high-profile republican is now a businessman in the Dublin area but his company has previously been targeted by the Criminal Assets Bureau (CAB) for €1.5m.

The man was key in the Provisional IRA's Dublin brigade for most of the 1980s.

He has previous convictions for firearms offences in the 1970s and has spent time in prison.

Robert's family launched www.innocentvictimsofcrime.ie which aims not only to act as a generator of evidence in this case but as a platform for other

families to tell their horrific stories.

Mr Delany had worked as a postman and had never been in trouble with gardai.

A few weeks before the attack, he had intervened in a pub row in Saggart and this is believed to have been the motive behind the shooting.



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